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Now Read This: Town Center Ready to Start New Plaza, Street, Garage to Open on Nov. 27; Library Opens Nov. 29

The first chapter of the revitalized Rockville Town Center will open on Wednesday, Nov. 29, when Montgomery County and the City formally celebrate the opening of the new Rockville Library.

Ceremonies to dedicate the library will include Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo, Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan, members of Rockville's Mayor and Council and various state and county officials. The public is invited to be part of the event that will begin at 12 noon.

The public had a sneak peek of the library through tours on Nov. 11 and the Friends of the Library—Rockville Chapter gala later that night. [See story and photos, page 2.]

The opening of the 26.4 million library will coincide with the opening of the public plaza that is the centerpiece of Rockville Town Square, which is Phase I of the redevelopment of Town Center. Also open will be the extension of Maryland Avenue from East Middle Lane to Beall

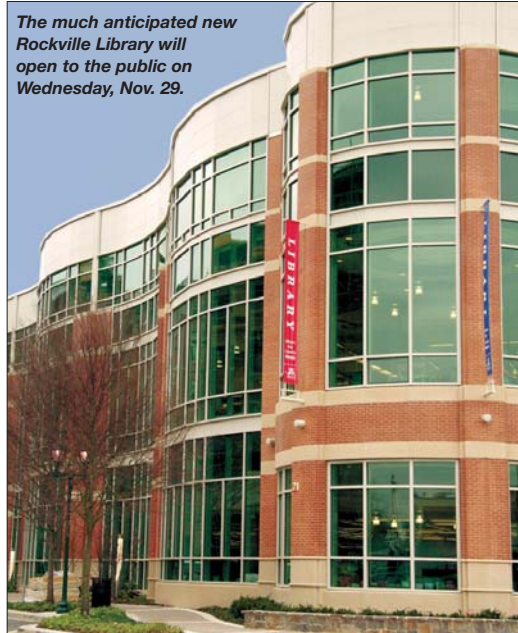
Avenue and the Maryland Avenue parking garage, the first of three public parking garages being built by the City to support the 12.5-acre mixed-use development.

"This will be a great day for Rockville," said Giammo. "But it will just be the first in a series of great days for our City in the coming months. Soon we will see the first residents move into the condominiums, the first retail stores and restaurants opening, the opening of the Arts and Innovation Building and the formal grand opening for the entire project in May. Every milestone will showcase an important and special step for the future of Rockville."

The first residents of the 644 condominiums owned by RD Rockville, LLC are scheduled to move in sometime in January. Most retail stores and restaurants, in space owned by Federal Realty Investment Trust, are expected to be open in April.

The 122-space Maryland Avenue parking garage [see map for location on page 2] will

The much anticipated new Rockville Library will open to the public on Wednesday, Nov. 29.



provide free parking for library patrons. The garage will be

staffed during hours that library patrons and employees are on

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site, including the early mornings and late evenings. Rockville City police will patrol Town Center, including the new garage, at all hours.

In addition, approximately 30 metered spaces will be available on Maryland Avenue. The street will open on Monday, Nov. 27, and parking meters will be in operation starting that day. The parking rate at those meters will be 50 cents per hour Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and free at other times.

Starting April 2, parking rates at meters throughout the Town Center area will increase to \$1 per hour and the hours of meter operation will expand.

For more information call 240-314-8200. [RR](#)

Rockville Adopts Limited Moratorium Affects Major New Development as City Works Toward New Zoning Ordinance

Rockville's Mayor and Council on Nov. 13 adopted a measure that would pause for a limited period certain new development while the city works to complete the two-year revision of its Zoning Ordinance.

The adopted resolution is a modified version of a recommendation from the Representatives of Rockville Zoning Ordinance Review (RORZOR) committee, a working group the Mayor and Council appointed in February to assist the City with revising its land use standards.

RORZOR had recommended adoption of a moratorium that

also would halt some projects that had already received various forms of approvals from the City, but the majority of the Mayor and Council did not want the moratorium to apply to those projects.

The Mayor and Council approved a revised version of the recommendation, making it apply only to projects that have not yet been submitted to the City for approvals, but allowing projects that have received some level of development approval to continue through the review process.

Rockville has been undertaking a process that will up-

date and significantly revise its Zoning Ordinance. That project likely will not be ready for adoption until sometime in late 2007. RORZOR suggested the City adopt a moratorium due to concern that applications for major development may be rushed in to meet current zoning laws.

The moratorium, with staggered initiation dates on new applications (depending upon the type of project), will be in effect until Dec. 15, 2007, but would end earlier if a new zoning ordinance is adopted prior to that date.

With few exceptions, single-

family detached dwelling units in one-family residential zones would not be affected by the moratorium. Residential building permits are not included in the moratorium. Therefore, any application that does not require a variance may continue to be filed.

Applications for residential variances (slight alterations of the existing setback, height and other dimensional standards of the Zoning Ordinance approved by the Board of Appeals) are not affected until Sept. 7, 2007. This means that decks, fences and other modifications to a home can continue. Projects that have

been approved for building permits also are not affected. Variances for nonresidential development may be filed under the moratorium until March 15, 2007.

The ordinance immediately applies to applications for large-scale development or redevelopment projects, such as mixed-use developments. [RR](#)

LOOKING AHEAD:

RORZOR will hold a public forum on Thursday, Dec. 7, starting at 7 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall to discuss its progress over the past year in revising the Zoning Ordinance. Citizens will have the opportunity to talk with RORZOR members about measures being considered in the revised ordinance.

December's Best of Rockville

2 Senior Center Holiday Bazaar Shop for affordably priced handmade crafts, thrift and gift items, plants, computers, books and baked goods. All proceeds, including from a raffle, benefit the Rockville Senior Center. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center. 240-314-8800

2,3,9&10 Rockville Civic Ballet's The Nutcracker 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 9; 2 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$12 adults, \$8 seniors and children 12-under. 240-314-8690



4,10,17 Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses Concerts and tours of historic Glenview's holiday decorations. 1-4 p.m. 240-314-8660

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Rockville Library Opens on Wednesday, Nov. 29

It's here! The Rockville Library is expected to open Wednesday, Nov. 29. The state-of-the-art library is the first building to open in Rockville Town Square. All residents are encouraged to check out a book and the new building. A new parking garage across the street will offer free parking to library patrons while construction continues on the rest of Town Square. The first stores and restaurants are expected to open this spring. Below are some facts about the new library.

The New Rockville Library Up Close

Symbols, inspiration and pride infuse the halls of the new Rockville Library, which is expected to open on Wednesday, Nov. 29, in ceremonies starting at 12 noon.

The City's rich history of more than 200 years is reflected in the creative architecture throughout Montgomery County's largest library that will serve as one of the main attractions to Rockville's new Town Center.

Visitors to the Rockville Library Book Brigade, tours and gala on Saturday, Nov. 11, were amazed by the many features of the new library.

The library will house a collection of books in the Russian language – the first



Photo Credit: Dean Evangelista

such section in a Montgomery County public library. It will be the new home of the library system's Special Needs section.

Rockville Economic Development (REDI) and the Rotary Club of Rockville will partner with the library to provide business programs.

Peerless Rockville will provide local history programs.

Symbolism of the City's history can be found throughout the new library. Three murals represent various aspects of Rockville's population and history. **RR**

Rockville Library at a Glance:

- Location: 21 Maryland Ave.
- Free parking for library patrons
- 71,500 square feet, plus 12,700 square feet for library administration
- 14,700 square feet of office space for other county agencies.
- Holds approximately 140,000 volumes from its former site
- Additional 60,000 volumes are being purchased
- Grand opening: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 12 noon
- Library Hours: Mon. - Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun.: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (September-May)

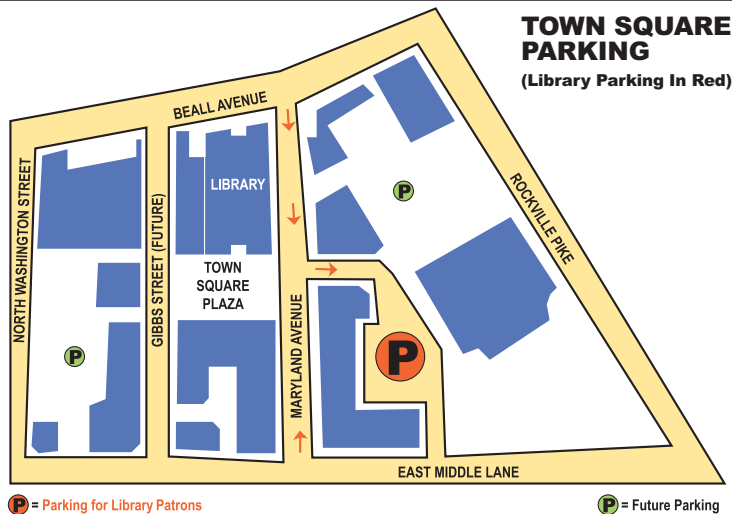


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The library design provides a "circular" atmosphere (top left and lower right). At lower left Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo (black jacket) and County Executive Doug Duncan (blue jacket) helped in the Nov. 11 Book Brigade. The map below details three new parking garages coming to Town Square. The Maryland Avenue garage will open for library patrons Nov. 27.



Friday Night Ski Club Registration Begins Dec. 4

Some teens like to hang out at the mall or movies. But in winter, other Rockville teens prefer the crisp outdoors. For those who want to head to the slopes, the City's Department of Recreation and Parks will again offer its popular Friday Night Ski Club program.

The ski club has been operating for the past seven years and is for any Rockville student in grades 6-12. With responsible adult supervision and leadership, the ski club departs by bus from Robert Frost Middle School for Ski Liberty at Liberty Mountain, Pa., every Friday night.

From 3-10:30 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Friday, Jan. 5, at Ski Liberty students can take lessons in skiing and snowboarding or use previous skills to sail down the white powder mountains.

"The program continues to fill up to capacity every

year because it's well run and it provides students the opportunity to ski and/or snow board with their peers in a fun and safe environment," said Nina Herndon, Rockville's teen programs coordinator.

Registration for the ski club will take place Monday, Dec. 4, through Wednesday, Dec. 13. Interested participants are encouraged to register early as the program, which holds up to 40 students, typically sells out quickly.

Lift-only cost for residents is \$420 and \$470 for non-residents (course No. 20766). For lift and lessons, it is \$460 for residents, \$510 for non-residents (course No. 20767). For lift, ski equipment rental and lessons it is \$500 for residents, \$550 for non-residents (course No. 20768).

For more information or to register, visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on Rock Enroll or call the Teen Programs office at 240-314-8634. **RR**

M.L. King, Jr. and Taff Award Entries Due December 7

Rockville's Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for its annual F. Michael Taff and Martin Luther King Jr. Youth awards that will be presented at the City's 35th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Jan. 15. The nomination deadline for both awards is Thursday, Dec. 7.

The Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

The Taff Award is open to a business, nonprofit employer or individual. Federal, state and local government agencies are not eligible for the award, but they are encouraged to

submit nominations.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award honors a student attending a high school in Rockville who has embraced and promoted the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nominees for the award will be judged on their consistent attention to pursuing avenues leading to peace and/or awareness and appreciation for everyone.

Applications may be obtained by calling 240-314-8316 or visiting www.rockvillemd.gov. To request this information in another form, call the City's ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8139 (TTY 240-314-8137). **RR**



OPENING A NEW CHAPTER... At the opening gala of the new Rockville Library on Nov. 11, hundreds got a first glimpse of the new cornerstone building of Rockville Town Square and helped to raise money for special programs and services that will be offered there by the Friends of the Library/Rockville chapter. Among those celebrating were (left to right) County Councilman Phil Andrews, former Rockville Mayor Rose Krasnow, State Senator Jennie Forehand, Library Director Parker Hamilton, Gala Chairperson Aileen Klein, Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo and Rockville Councilmember Phyllis Marcuccio.



Woodley Gardens trees were covered in white last winter.

Heavy Snow Could Mean Parking Changes

During significant, deep snow, Rockville's innovative snow emergency plan allows plows to more quickly clear streets. The plan requires residents to park their cars in available garages or driveways. When that is not possible, residents are required to park only on the side of the street with even house numbers. Once that lane and the main part of the street is cleared, cars must be moved to the cleared curb (odd-numbered side). When both sides of the street are cleared, cars can be parked in regular spaces.

"Each year we are better able to clear snowy streets because more and more people are aware of the snow emergency ordinance," said

Craig Simoneau, director of the Department of Public Works. "But it takes 100 percent participation for the plan to be most effective. If just one car is parked on the wrong side of the street, the plow is unable to fully clear the snow away."

The City announces snow emergencies through local media, via the City's Web (www.rockvillemd.gov) and on The Rockville Channel (cable channel 11).

Neighbors also are asked to help spread the word about the requirements before and during snow emergencies. In addition to helping the City more quickly clear the street, anyone not participating may be ticketed or towed. **RR**

Know What To Do In Snowy Winter Weather

Rockville's Snow Emergency Ordinance

- The City Manager may invoke "snow emergency" parking restrictions during significant, deep snow
- Residents with driveways must park all vehicles there
- Residents without driveways, or who have more vehicles than will fit in the driveway, may park on the even-numbered side of the street only
- In courts or cul-de-sacs, where house numbers are not even on one side of the street and odd on the other, parking is allowed only on the left side of the streets as one enters the cul-de-sac or court
- No parking is allowed in the "bulb" of the cul-de-sac or court
- After the snowfall ends and the odd-numbered side of the street is cleared, vehicles must be moved to the odd-numbered side to allow plows to clear the even-numbered side
- A fine of \$100 for a "snow emergency" parking violation will be incurred
- The City may remove or impound cars improperly parked
- For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 240-314-8500.

Snow Shoveling

Snow must be removed from all sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces and the paved right-of-way sidewalk immediately fronting or abutting a property. This includes access

ramps and curb cuts designed for use by people with disabilities.

Snow and ice removal must occur within 24 hours if the snowfall is less than 3 inches and within 48 hours if it surpasses 3 inches. Fines may be imposed if the City ordinance is not followed. Neighbors are asked to assist those who are physically unable to clear their sidewalks. Call 240-314-8330 for more information.

Rockville Inclement Weather Updates

The City of Rockville announces inclement weather status through several outlets.

To find out whether a City meeting or recreation program has been cancelled due to the winter weather, always check the City's Web site (www.rockvillemd.gov), The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) and the following radio and television stations for Rockville City government closings and delays:

Radio: WTOP (820 AM and 103.5 FM); WARW (94.7 FM); WRQX (107.3 FM); WFRE (99.9 FM and 930 AM).

TV: WRC-TV (NBC Channel 4); WTTG-Fox TV (Channel 5); WJLA-TV (ABC Channel 7 and NewsChannel 8); and WUSA-TV (CBS Channel 9).

The Rockville Recreation Inclement Weather hotline number is 240-314-5020.

Proposed Cell Phone Towers: One Denied, One Recommendation Against

Proposals to build two separate cell phone towers in Rockville each were rejected by respective City bodies in November. One decision is final, another is only a recommendation.

The Mayor and Council on Nov. 13 unanimously denied an application by Sprint for a waiver of the City's 50-foot height limit that the communications company sought to enable it to build a 98-foot cellular phone tower in the Twinbrook neighborhood.

The height limit applies to cell phone towers (also called "monopoles") in a residential zone or within 500 feet of a residential zone. Sprint wanted to build the tower on the property of the Twinbrook Mart Shopping Center located at 2001 Veirs Mill Road.

On Nov. 15, Rockville's Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend against a revised proposal by T-Mobile to erect a cell tower on the grounds of Julius West Middle School in Rockville. T-Mobile's latest plan

lowered the maximum height of the proposed tower to 50 feet instead of the originally proposed 70 feet.

The T-Mobile proposal now is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the City's Board of Appeals at its meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall. That meeting will be a formal public hearing. The applicant and interested residents will be given the opportunity to present testimony.

The resolution passed by the Mayor and Council to deny the Sprint waiver request states, "The 98-foot tall monopole will tower over the homes proximate to the proposed site, have an adverse visual and aesthetic impact on the residential properties in the area surrounding the proposed structure and detract from the residential character of the surrounding community."

Over the past year, the proposed T-Mobile tower—which would be placed on a rear portion of the property of the

school that is located at the intersection of I-270 and Falls Road—has been the subject of much discussion. By agreeing to reduce the maximum height, T-Mobile would not have to get a height waiver from Rockville's Mayor and Council.

If the Board of Appeals approves the application, or approves it with conditions, it still must go through a review process conducted by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), since MCPS owns the land on which the monopole would be built and operated. MCPS's review process includes community input.

The T-Mobile Special Exception application and related documents, such as a report from the City's consultant, are available for review during normal business hours at the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at Rockville City Hall. For more information, call 240-314-8160. Meeting schedules and agendas are available at www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Glenview Gallery Hosts RAL Show in December



Rockville's Glenview Mansion will host the annual Rockville Art League (RAL) winter show as its December monthly exhibition from Dec. 3-31. Admission is free to see the more than 150 works that will be chosen in the juried format from among the more than 300 entries submitted by RAL professional and skilled amateur artists.

There will be an opening reception for the show from

1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3. The opening reception also will include three concerts, starting with a 1:15 p.m. performance by the Richard Montgomery High School Madrigals, under the direction of Ronald Frezzo. At 2:15, the Rockville Singers, under the direction of Bryan Seith, will perform. Seith also directs the Sandy Spring Friends School Handbell Choir, which will perform at 3:15.

The gallery is located at 603 Edmonston Drive, on the second floor of the Glenview Mansion in Rockville Civic Center Park. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call 240-314-8682 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov. For recorded directions call 240-314-5004. **RR**

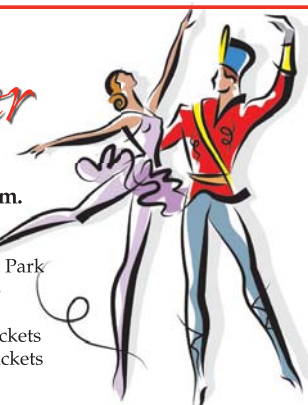
Rockville Civic Ballet presents *The Nutcracker*

Claudia Mangan, Director

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FALL O' THE PATH TO HEALTH... The first Rockville Community Health fair operated by the City of Rockville's new Community Wellness program was well attended in November. More than two dozen vendors gathered at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center to provide demonstrations and information on everything from smoking cessation to cholesterol. Above, a representative of the East West Wellness Center provides information on alternative therapies to a local family.

Two New Ways To Be Fit And Fabulous This Winter

Rockville Does '12 Days of Fitness'

Even small amounts of exercise can help control holiday weight gain.

That is the premise behind Rockville's "12 Days of Fitness" program running from Thanksgiving Day to New Year's Day.

The free program, operated through the City's new Community Wellness initiative, encourages citizens to exercise 30 or more minutes per day for 12 days between the critical holiday period when many people gain at least five pounds.

It is easy to participate in 12 Days of Fitness. Simply pick up a free calendar at any City of Rockville facility, including Rockville City Hall, the Rockville Senior Center, the Rockville Swim Center, RedGate Golf Course, Croydon Creek Nature Center, the Twinbrook Community Recreation and Lincoln Park Community centers or print one from the City Web site. Use the tips and resources on the calendar to help encourage you to exercise and record your activity on the sheet.

Once you reach at least 12 days, return the completed calendar by Tuesday, Jan. 10, to receive 10 "Rockin' Rewards" points toward free City recreation classes, programs and camps. This will enter participants into a raffle for a free subscription to a health magazine.

For more information about 12 Days of Fitness, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/wellness or call 240-314-8119. **RR**

Register Early for 'New Year, New You' Healthy Body Program Will Start Jan. 3

For many people, the New Year is the time to make resolutions to improve themselves. Health and fitness is often at the top of those resolutions.

To help Rockville residents who may want to work toward a healthier lifestyle, the City Community Wellness Program is offering the "New Year, New You!" Health Body Program.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 3, citizens will gather each Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. for five weeks at Rockville City Hall for sessions on portion sizes, cooking healthy meals and balancing exercise programs and more.

Body composition analysis and personal feedback and support also is included each week to help residents learn how to eat better and exercise more.

The cost is \$55 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. To register, visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on Rock Enroll (course No. 20687). For more information, call the Community Wellness Coordinator at 240-314-8119 or e-mail hboguski@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/wellness for Community Wellness tips and information

City Expands Rockville Recreation Fund Beyond Age Limits

For more than two decades, the Rockville Recreation Fund has provided children under the age of 17 and seniors 60 and over who have low or moderate incomes the opportunity to take advantage of the many physical improvement and learning opportunities the City offers through its award winning recreation programs, classes and camps.

Beginning in December, people 18 through 59 also will be eligible to receive assistance to enable them to participate in the many opportunities the City offers each fall, winter, spring and summer.

"We recognize that cost of living expenses are increasing for many Rockville families," said Phil Bryan, the City's superintendent of recreation. "We decided to expand the fund because it is important

that people of all ages be able to take advantage of the many recreation opportunities the City offers."

The Rockville Recreation Fund is supported entirely through monetary donations from individuals, businesses and civic organizations. Funds are raised online, through fundraising events and during program registration time.

The recreation registration form gives everyone in the City who participates in recreation classes and programs the opportunity to contribute money by "adding up" to the fund along with payment for classes and programs.

The amount of assistance individuals receive from the Rockville Recreation Fund varies depending on income level and the number of people living in the household. A family

of four making under \$37,000 per year, for example, would be eligible for \$100 per person/per session.

For specific details about assistance available, call the Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks at 240-314-8620 or visit the Recreation Desk at City Hall at 111 Maryland Ave. Participants must be pre-approved for the program before registering and must provide current federal income tax forms.

Those who would like to support the Rockville Recreation Fund may make checks payable to "Rockville Recreation Fund" and mail it to Rockville City Hall, Attn. Phil Bryan, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850. Information also is available online at www.rockvillemd.gov (click on 'Rock Enroll'). **RR**

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

For more information, call 240-314-8570

AREA 1
Nov. 27 to Dec. 1

AREA 2
Dec. 4 to Dec. 8

AREA 3
Dec. 11 to Dec. 15

AREA 4
Dec. 18 to Dec. 22

AREA 5
Dec. 26 to Dec. 29

Each fall and spring the City helps with yard maintenance by collecting leaves. Residents are asked to rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 7 a.m. on the Friday of collection week.

The City encourages residents to rake leaves anytime just before or during collection week to avoid piles of leaves near and on the streets. Be sure to remove all limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. Do not place the leaves in plastic bags.

The City recycling program also collects leaves and grass in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers. **RR**

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work

Historic Designation Being Pursued By City For 702 Maple Avenue

Rockville's Mayor and Council have authorized the filing of a zoning map amendment that could lead to a Victorian-style home built around 1898 at 702 Maple Avenue in East Rockville being designated as a local historic site.

The Mayor and Council voted unanimously on Nov. 13 to allow the historic designation process to continue, following a unanimous recommendation of the City's Historic District Commission (HDC).

The application for historic designation will next



702 Maple Ave.

be reviewed by the Rockville Planning Commission at a Dec. 6 meeting at City Hall (7 p.m.). The Planning Commission will make a recommendation prior to the Mayor and Council holding a public hearing on the issue on Dec. 18 (City Hall, 7 p.m.). Both meetings will be televised live on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11).

The HDC began a review of the property after Davor Kapelina, the owner since 2003, decided to halt his rehabilitation efforts on the home and apply for a demolition permit. Kapelina said the home was discovered to have structural concerns and he would prefer to demolish it and build another home in its place.

City policy requires that whenever a permit for demolition is requested for a building 50 years or older, an automatic review is conducted to determine if the building has historic significance using Rockville's historic designation criteria.

In addition to its architecture,

which the HDC found "represents the expansion of middle class home ownership opportunities on the east side of the B&O Railroad line," research showed that 702 Maple was the home of the Edmonds family from 1903-1967. George Edmonds, who bought the house with his wife Irmine in 1903, served at the city, county and state levels in a variety of positions ranging from City Council to the Maryland General Assembly.

The HDC report did point out that the current owner said he has already spent \$41,000 on renovations, but severe cracking in the masonry of a basement wall and significant settlement of portions of the house have caused concerns. The report contains opinions given to the owner by builders that suggested he seek to demolish the home rather than try to continue to rehabilitate it.

Robin Ziek of Rockville's Department of Community Planning and Development Services said she would attempt to work with the owner and his consultants to determine the nature of the structural problems. She also will work with him to evaluate how Montgomery County and Maryland historic properties tax credit programs could factor into the cost of repairs.

Members of the Mayor and Council expressed that they want to explore all aspects of the situation before making an eventual decision on historic designation. A decision will not be made until after the Dec. 18 public hearing. **RR**



In addition to reviewing plans for new communities that may affect City trees, Rockville's Forestry Division plants and maintains about 30,000 street trees and many additional park trees.

City Revises Tree Preservation Ordinance

Rockville's Mayor and Council on Nov. 13 unanimously voted to adopt a revision to the City's Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance that would encourage developers to retain more existing trees on properties before improvements are made—or plant new trees.

The City's Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance was adopted in 1992. It has provisions that give a developer the option of retaining a certain number of existing trees on a property before the property is developed; planting additional trees on the property; or paying a fee in lieu of meeting those provisions. The formulas to determine the number of affected trees vary, depending upon a variety of factors.

This revision to the ordinance, which staff of the City's Department of Recreation and Parks has been working on since 2004, will increase the fee that would be paid in lieu of retaining or planting trees from 40 cents per square foot of planting area to \$2 per square foot. The increased fee is closer to the actual cost

of planting and maintaining trees in the City.

The fees paid go to the City's Forest Conservation Fund, which provides money to plant trees in public rights-of-way or on other City-owned property.

Another revision to the ordinance that the Mayor and Council adopted requires developers to extend the warranty on newly planted trees from two to five years. Developers are required to post a bond in regard to newly planted trees. If the trees do not survive during the warranty period, the bond money is used to plant replacement trees.

The Department of Recreation of Parks intends to propose other changes to the ordinance in the coming months.

"Almost every development site in Rockville has a requirement either to preserve trees or plant new ones," said Wayne Noll, the Rockville City forester. "The changes in the ordinance are intended to encourage developers to keep more of their trees on the site." **RR**



Mayor
Larry Giammo



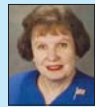
Councilmember
Bob Dorsey



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Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Giammo, the Councilmember scheduled for December is:

- **Monday, Dec. 11:** Bob Dorsey

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Dec. 11 (Mon.)** Citizens' Forum. Discussion with the Board of Supervisors of Elections regarding elections procedures. Results of the Refuse and Recycling Pilot Program
- **Dec. 13 (Wed.)** Joint discussion with Planning Commission
- **Dec. 18 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum. College Gardens Stormwater Management Pond.

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (one)
- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (two)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Rockville Scholarship Foundation (one)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (one)
- Senior Citizens Commission (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.



Rockville Salutes America's Veterans

Rockville continued its tradition of honoring the nation's military veterans on Nov. 11 before one of the biggest crowds to attend the ceremonies at Veterans Park in many years. Above left, joining the Pledge of Allegiance, left to right, were Councilmembers Anne Robbins, Phyllis Marcuccio, Susan Hoffmann and Bob Dorsey; guest speaker and Vietnam veteran Gary Cameron; and Mayor Larry Giammo. Above right: Saluting the many wreaths left in tribute is Rockville resident, and Pearl Harbor survivor, Henry Rapalus.



OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs

A 'Celtic Celebration For the New Year' At F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Jan. 5

What do Irish step dancers, Celtic harpists, a fiddle, guitar and a hammered dulcimer have in common?

They are all part of a special "Celtic Celebration for the New Year" coming to Rockville's F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre on Friday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m.

The show is the second in a series of special presentations of widely popular, nationally acclaimed entertainment being offered in Rockville. The first to perform in the series was impersonator Billy Finch in October.

A Celtic Celebration for the New Year features Maggie Sansone, an innovative hammered dulcimer player.

The passion of her music can be felt and heard as she strikes hammers across the strings of this ancient trapezoidal music instrument. As one of America's premier hammered dulcimer players, Maggie Sansone has been featured on CBS's *Sunday Morning*, NPR's *All Things*



Irish step dancers will perform at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre as a part of the Celtic Celebration on Jan. 5

Considered and The Thistle & Shamrock. She is also the recipient of several music awards.

Sansone will combine her talents with the outstanding vocals and guitar of Lisa Moscattello and energetic fiddle of Rosie Shipley.

Another highlight of the evening will be four-time National Scottish harp champion Sue Richards partnering with Sharon Knowles as the harp duo, HEN. Their precision, buoyancy and lively music is not to be missed.

Topping off the upbeat entertainment will be the foot-stomping, bouncing performance of local Irish step dancers.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located in Rockville Civic Center Park at 603 Edmonston Drive.

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$13 for students or seniors. To purchase tickets or for more information, call the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office at 240-314-8690. **RR**



The Maryvale Kidz Club created this colorful display about Kwanzaa as a part of the holidays celebration at Glenview in 2005.

Deck the Halls at Glenview Mansion

Rockville's neoclassical, 19th century home will open its grand doors and invite the public to share holiday cheer at the annual Glenview Mansion Holiday Open Houses on Sundays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, from 1-4 p.m.

Themed "Golden Memories," the mansion's 30 rooms and numerous halls will be decked in style for the season, continuing the popular decades-long tradition that attracts nearly 3,000 people annually.

While 16 Rockville community groups, from Girl Scouts to artists, have decorated trees and created unique holiday displays over the years, this will be a first for the Women's Federation for World Peace at Glenview.

The group will fold colorful handcrafted paper birds, animals and other objects, known as origami, and hang them as ornaments from the boughs of one of many brightly decorated trees

to share the important message of peace and diversity.

"I came to the mansion last year and was amazed by the beautiful trees that were on display," said Reiko Jenkins, a board member of the Women's Federation.

The tree and other holiday displays will not be the only form of entertainment. Guests will be serenaded with live holiday music and hymns by local chorus groups and choirs, including classical chimes from the Sandy Spring Friends School Hand Bell Choir.

In addition to the open houses, the mansion is open for public viewing Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., but call ahead to ensure there are no private events.

For information about Glenview Mansion, call 240-314-8660 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

— by Jacqueline Christo

Christmas Spectacular Trip to NYC Dec. 10

City of Rockville residents can see the magic of the holidays live onstage at the Rockettes' annual Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall in New York City on Sunday, Dec. 10.

A luxury tour bus will transport family and friends to Manhattan for the 12 noon show. Following the performance, there will be time for shopping or touring in the City.

The trip departs Rockville City Hall at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. The cost of \$160 for residents and \$185 for nonresidents includes transportation and admission ticket. Register by online at www.rockvillemd.gov using Rock Enroll, or stop by the Recreation registration desk at City Hall.

Call the City's Dept. of Recreation and Parks at 240-314-8600 for more information. **RR**

2 Family Events At Twinbrook

'Twas the month of Christmas and all through the house the kids were growing restless and the parents needed a night out.'

Those who can relate to this holiday story are invited to the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center (TCRC) for two family events that are sure to bring lots of seasonal cheer.

Adults and kids will gather at the center for an afternoon of decorating gingerbread houses on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1-4 p.m. All supplies will be provided for a fee of \$30 per house for City residents and \$35 per house for non-residents. Adults must be present.

On Friday, Dec. 15, from 6-9 p.m. parents are invited to take a night out to shop for the holidays or have an evening on the town. Children will be under adult supervision in structured activities including games, crafts and a holiday movie. The registration fee of \$6 per City resident and \$8 per non-resident also includes pizza, drinks and a snack.

Advanced registration is required for both events. To register online visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on "Rock Enroll." Gingerbread House Making for the Holidays is course No. 20623 and Parents' Night Out is course No. 20624. Call 240-314-8330 for more information. TCRC is located on 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. **RR**



FROST STUDENTS TURKEY TROT TO HELP... Students from Frost Middle School in Rockville on Friday, Nov. 17, left their classrooms early and headed for the track at neighboring Wootton High School for a school-wide cross-country race that helped make the holiday season a bit happier for some of the area's neediest families.

More than 160 runners participated—and those who did not run were on the sidelines cheering on their fellow students. Overall, about 90 percent of the school's students participated in some manner. The \$1,411 and food collected as part of the event were donated to the annual Rockville Holiday Drive.

Above, students (left to right) Jessica Welch placed first in the 8th grade girls field, Max Goldschein placed first for 7th grade boys and Colby Wright placed third for 8th grade girls.

Glenview Mansion Free Holiday Open House Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 3

1-4 p.m. Art Gallery Opening Reception – Rockville Art League Juried Members Show
1:15 p.m. Richard Montgomery High School Madrigals
2 p.m. Rockville Art League Award Ceremony
2:15 p.m. Rockville Singers
3:15 p.m. Sandy Spring Friends School Hand Bell Choir

Sunday, Dec. 10

1-4 p.m. Rockville Art League Juried Members Show
1:15 p.m. The Heart of Maryland Chorus
2:15 p.m. The Encore Singers
3:15 p.m. Victorian Lyric Opera Company

Sunday, Dec. 17

1-4 p.m. Rockville Art League Juried Members Show
1-4 p.m. Children's Open House featuring Santa, Mrs. Claus, Frosty and Rudolph characters with crafts for kids throughout the afternoon
1:15 p.m. Home School Talents
3:15 p.m. Upbeat Unlimited

In Brief

Refuse and Recycling Holiday Schedule

The City will not collect refuse or recycling as it joins in the celebration of Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1.

Residents scheduled for collection on those days should hold their refuse until their next regular collection day. The City has scheduled special recycling only pickups on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and Wednesday, Jan. 3, for those who normally set out recycle materials on Mondays.

Those participating in the Refuse and Recycling Pilot Program, who will miss their weekly pick-ups on Monday, should put out their recycling and refuse on those Wednesdays.

CALL 240-314-8568 FOR INFO

Reduced Rates For Winter at RedGate

Some play it additively, others only leisurely, but every type of player will enjoy their round at Rockville's RedGate Golf course even during the colder months.

The following reduced winter rates will be in effect through March 15:

Each day of the week greens fees are \$25 for non-residents and \$23 for residents and seniors to play 18 holes. Throughout the week, nine holes are \$15 for non-residents, \$12 for residents and seniors. Replay rates are \$10 and twilight rates are \$20.

To rent a cart, there is a \$7 fee per rider for nine holes, \$10 fee per rider for 18 holes, and \$5 fee per rider for a replay game.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate.

CALL 240-314-8730 FOR INFO

Brunch with Peerless Rockville On New Year's Day

Historic Glenview Mansion is the place to be on Monday, Jan. 1, as Peerless Rockville hosts a New Year's Day Brunch.

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the elegant brunch also will feature music, tours of the decorated mansion and great buffet selection. Prices are \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members. Children are half price.

No reservations are required, but everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Volunteers also are needed.

CALL 301-762-0096 FOR INFO

Farmers' Market Raises Money; Provides Food For Hungry

Manna Food Center, the not-for-profit organization working to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education and advocacy, raised and distributed 4,000 pounds of fresh produce and received \$1,000 in donations for hungry families in the community through its first partnership program with the City of Rockville's Out to Lunch Wednesdays program.

Out to Lunch Wednesdays includes a lunchtime farmers' market and concert series from

June through October. Many participants purchased fresh produce for donation and made financial contributions.

For more information about Manna visit www.mannafood.org.

CALL 301-424-1130 FOR INFO

Celebrate the Season In Rockville

Looking for a place to deck the halls with friends and family? A variety of free or low-cost seasonal activities will take place in the City this month. Each event is noted with a pinecone symbol next to the date on the December events calendar below.

CALL 240-314-8568 FOR INFO

Rockville Town Square Poll Coming in Dec.

The grand opening of Rockville Town Square is coming this spring and the City wants to know what residents are looking forward to the most.

A new online poll will be conducted throughout December on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov for residents to rank their favorite aspects of Rockville's current Town Center and the new Rockville Town Square development.

CALL 240-314-8116 FOR INFO

Metro to Host Open House in Rockville On Tuesday, Dec. 5

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro), which operates the public train and buses that serve



BEALL-DAWSON HOUSE OPEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS... The elegant Beall-Dawson House (which dates to 1815) at 103 W. Montgomery Ave. was built with entertaining in mind. This December the house will be decorated with holiday toys and games from the Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS) collections. Tours of the house will be held Tuesdays-Sundays, Dec. 5-31, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Each tour is followed by a helping of homemade cookies and hot spiced cider. The tour is included with museum admission, which is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students. MCHS members enter free. Call 301-340-2825 for more information.

the region, will hold an open house and town hall meeting in Rockville on Tuesday, Dec. 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Council's Stella Warner Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave.

The open house will be held from 6:30-7 p.m. in the third floor hearing room. A more formal town hall meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m.

The evening will give residents an opportunity to learn about the issues facing the

transit system and to meet members of the Metro Board of Directors and Riders' Advisory Council. The event will provide an opportunity to ask questions and express opinions and suggestions.

The immediate Rockville area is served by three stations on Metrorail's Red Line: Twinbrook, Rockville and Shady Grove. All three stations may be the focal points of future development.

CALL 202-637-1328 FOR INFO

CITY

2 **Holiday Bazaar Shop** from affordably priced handmade crafts, thrift and gift items, plants, computers, books and baked goods. All proceeds, including from a raffle, benefit the Rockville Senior Center. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center. FREE. 240-314-8800

4 **Holiday Open House Concerts** Tour historic Glenview's holiday decorations and hear accomplished area musicians. 1-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion. FREE. 240-314-8660

9 **Gingerbread House Making** Families make gingerbread houses for the holidays. 1-4 p.m. Price per house: \$30 RES/\$35 NR. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 240-314-8330

10 **Holiday Open House** Tour historic Glenview Mansion's holiday decorations and hear accomplished area musicians. 1-4 p.m. FREE. 240-314-8660

10 **Christmas Spectacular Trip** See the magic of the holidays, live on stage at the Rockettes: Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. Time for shopping also included. 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Bus departs from City Hall. \$160 RES/\$185 NR. 240-314-8600

15 **Parents Night Out** Children participate in games, craft making and a movie while parents have a night out. 6-9 p.m. \$6 RES/\$8 NR. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 240-314-8330

december calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

17 **Children's Holiday Open House** Features special visits from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. 1-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion. FREE. 240 314-8660

ARTS
The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

3-31 **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery: Rockville Art League Annual Winter Show** Opening reception: Dec. 3, 1-4 p.m. FREE. 240-314-8660

2,3,9&10 **Rockville Civic Ballet's The Nutcracker** A holiday classic performance of *The Nutcracker* 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 9; 2 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Adults \$12. Seniors and children 12-under \$8. 240-314-8690

17 **Rockville Concert Band: Holiday Concert** 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. FREE. 240-314-8681

17 **Rockville Community Chorus: Holiday Concert** 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. FREE. 240-314-8682

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

14 **Tiny Tot Walk - March of the Penguins** Learn how penguins survive in the harsh Antarctic South Pole. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 1/2-2 1/2. \$6 RES/\$7 NR

14 **Tyke Hike - March of the Penguins** 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$6 RES/\$7 NR

29 **Winter Residents** Learn about the animals that winter in the forests of Maryland and how they survive snowy nights. Search for signs of animals living in the park and make a tasty craft for the creatures in your backyard. 3-4 p.m. Ages 6-over. \$10 RES/\$12 NR

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

5,7,12 **Computers-Spreadsheets & Stocks** 10 a.m.-12 noon MEM \$27/NM \$35

6 **Computers-Clarify Concepts** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$6 MEM/ \$8 NM

6 **December Birthday and Anniversary Party** 1:30-3 p.m. FREE. Register by Nov. 29

7,14 **Decoupage: Decorating With Cut-Outs** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$8 MEM/ \$10 NM. Register by Nov. 30

12 **Big Band Holiday Show Trip** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$67 MEM/ \$84 NM

14 **What is a Hospitalist?** 1-2 p.m. FREE

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

2 **Board of Appeals**, 9:30 a.m.

6 **Human Rights Commission**, 7:30 p.m.

6 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.

6 **Rockville Bike Advisory**, 7:15 p.m.

7 **Recreation and Parks Advisory Board**, 7 p.m., Glenview Mansion

12 **Human Services Advisory Commission**, 7:30 p.m., Glenview Mansion

12 **Commission on the Environment**, 7:30 p.m.

13 **Cultural Arts Commission**, 7 p.m.

13 **Rockville Sister City Corporation**, 7:30 p.m.

19 **Rockville Seniors, Inc.**, 1 p.m., Senior Center

19 **Town Center Action Team**, 7 p.m., Rockville Chamber of Commerce

20 **Planning Commission**, 7 p.m.

20 **Sign Review Board**, 4 p.m. (held as needed)

20 **Rockville Housing Enterprises**, 6:30 p.m., RHE Offices 621-A Southlawn Lane

21 **Historic District Commission**, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)

21 **Senior Citizens Commission**, 10 a.m., Senior Center

26 **Traffic and Transportation Commission**, 7:30 p.m.

27 **Rockville Economic Development, Inc.**, 7:30 a.m., Glenview Mansion

Happy Holidays from the City of Rockville



Parking at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is one issue the City plans to address in the Rockville Civic Center Park long-range plan.

A Long Range Look at Rockville Civic Center Dec. 5

Rockville Civic Center Park has been home to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Glenview Mansion for nearly 50 years. In that time, other City buildings and facilities have been added, including the popular Croydon Creek Nature Center. Use of the park has increased and so have today's standards for the variety of people who are using the park.

For the past two years, the City staff has been working with members of a variety of boards and commissions, as well as citizens, to devise a long-range plan to better meet the needs of people with disabilities and better move pedestrians and vehicles throughout the park.

Citizens are invited to look

at initial ideas for the concept plan at a public meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Glenview Mansion Conservatory at 603 Edmonston Drive in Rockville.

The plan identifies the need to improve parking lots and driveways to Glenview Mansion and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, as well as the addition of some pedestrian sidewalks within the park.

The plan also calls for the preservation of trees while better managing storm water runoff in the park.

For more information, call Civic Center Superintendent Kathleen Moran at 240-314-8662. **RR**

Feedback Sought On Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan

Two public meetings were held in November to update residents and receive feedback on an advisory group's recommendations for a draft plan for the future of the Twinbrook neighborhood.

A summary of the plan also is available on the City Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov for citizen review and comment.

The Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan seeks to preserve the neighborhood's strengths while maintaining and enhancing its historic residential character. The plan calls for upgrading publicly owned spaces and facilities and intelligent planning and zoning that encourages easy access to retail and mass transit. It also directs future growth toward a more mixed-use development of land that is currently zoned for commercial and industrial uses.

In addition, the plan seeks ways to provide for recreation while fostering community pride.

The plan focuses on two City areas. Area 7 (Twinbrook Forest/Northeast Rockville) lies north of Veirs Mill Road and east of Norbeck Road. Area 8 (Twinbrook) falls between Veirs Mill Road and the north-south

Metro / CSX railroad tracks.

Part of the Twinbrook neighborhood is adjacent to the planned Twinbrook Commons 27-acre development that will be clustered around the Twinbrook Metro Station. The Rockville Pike corridor borders the west side of the neighborhood and busy Veirs Mill Road cuts through it.

"This plan will be a blueprint for quality of life in the community for the next 20 years."

— Jim Wasilak,
Chief of Planning

"As part of the Mayor and Council's initiative to strengthen neighborhoods, this plan will be a blueprint for quality of life in the community for the next 20 years," said Jim Wasilak, Rockville's chief of planning.

The Rockville Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission are expected to hold a work session to discuss the plan on Monday, Dec. 13.

After the public review period, the advisory group will present a recommended Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan to the City's Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council in early 2007. Copies of the draft plan will be available in early December.

For more information or to submit a comment, contact 240-314-8200 or awallas@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Volunteer Time: Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

There are many ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month "Volunteer Time" highlights a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

With the help of an army of 80 volunteers, the annual Senior Center Holiday Bazaar will take place at the Rockville Senior Center at 1150 Carnation Drive on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

More treasures than ever will be found at this year's event, which will feature a wide variety of low-cost gift items from computers to cupcakes.

More than 600 people are expected to attend in search of the wide variety of items ranging from homemade food, hand-made crafts and live plants, computers.

The event is timed perfectly for bargain-hunters looking for unique gifts this holiday season. All proceeds go to benefit Rockville Seniors, Inc. (RSI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Rockville Senior Center.

"So many people have events where they need to bring gifts this holiday season," said Jill Hall, supervisor of the Senior Center. "Our Holiday Bazaar has more than 30 vendors selling handmade gifts which are perfect for these events."

The popular annual raffle will include a \$500 cash grand prize, \$250 second prize, a handmade quilt from the Senior Center's Quilting Group "The Piecemakers," and gift certificates from local businesses. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

"The money we raise goes directly back to the center, which benefits all our members and users," said Ron Barber, president of RSI.

For more information, contact the Rockville Senior Center at 240-314-8800 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter. **RR**

Welcome to Rockville! New Residents Section of City Web Site at www.rockvillemd.gov Now Online

Residents who are new to Rockville and want a quick overview of important City online information and resources should check out the "New Resident Welcome Kit" at www.rockvillemd.gov/welcome.

The Welcome Kit gives resi-

dents a one-stop Web location for City programs and services important to people who are just moving to, or who have just moved into, Rockville.

With the Welcome Kit, residents can research their trash and recycling pick-up days,

find out who to contact to set-up City water service and how to pay their City water bill. Residents also can learn about the many popular City programs and services including local parks, award-winning recreation classes, the City street

map and bicycle map, emergency preparedness details, get updated news and much more.

For more information or to suggest a resource be added to the kit, contact the Public Information Office at 240-314-8115 or 204-314-8116. **RR**

TRC 11		THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL DECEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE							CLIP & SAVE	
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission			
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report			
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline			
7 a.m.	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Decked Halls			
7:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review			
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report			
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Commission	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council			
9 a.m.		The Nutcracker	Senior Finances II	Board of Appeals	Senior Finances II	The Nutcracker				
9:30 a.m.			Peerless Symposium II		Peerless Symposium II					
10:30 a.m.		Historic Preservation	Annual Report		Annual Report	Historic Preservation				
11 a.m.		Decked Halls	Historic Preservation		Historic Preservation	Decked Halls	Cityline			
11:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review		Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review			
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report			
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline			
1 p.m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission			
4 p.m.	Peerless Symposium II		Decked Halls	Peerless Symposium II		Peerless Symposium II				
4:30 p.m.			Senior Finances II							
5 p.m.	RORZOR Public Forum	RORZOR Public Forum	RORZOR Public Forum	RORZOR Public Forum	RORZOR Public Forum	RORZOR Public Forum	RORZOR Public Forum			
5:30 p.m.										
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report			
6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review			
7 p.m.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Board of Appeals	Planning Commission	The Nutcracker	Historic District Comm. (HDC) (3rd & 4th Thurs.)	Board of Appeals			
9 p.m.										
9:30 p.m.										
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report			
10:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	N & C Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review			
11 p.m.	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report	Decked Halls	Annual Report			
11:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation	Senior Finances II	Historic Preservation	Senior Finances II	Historic Preservation	Senior Finances II	Historic Preservation			



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